

Weekly Column for September 8, 2005

For the better part of 10 days all of our eyes have been transfixed on the Gulf Coast of the United States, particularly on the City of New Orleans as we watch our fellow citizens struggle in ways we have previously thought were impossible here.

The images are certainly difficult to watch and our hearts go out to each and every one of those people suffering through this tragedy. On a national level, we have seen concerts planned, donations flowing in, and arrangements made to help those in need.

Locally, we have had numerous people step up to the plate and offer services, and in the City of Troy that is no different. We are in the early stages of planning, but next Saturday we will have a benefit concert in Riverfront Park to benefit the victims of the hurricane. The concert will take place at noon in Riverfront Park.

We are searching for anyone who would like to help out. If interested please contact Jeff Buell in my office at 270-4554. The people in New Orleans certainly need your help, and we do as well. Whatever can be given, it will be accepted.

Details of the benefit concert will be out next week, and we ask to help in anyway you can.

Thanks!

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Mayor of Troy